

Sweet-Ione Project/ Colville National Forest

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OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

Sweet-Ione Integrated Resources Improvement Project

Environmental Assessment

Colville National Forest

Pend Oreille County, Washington

The Sweet-Ione Integrated Resources Improvement Project Environmental Assessment (EA) is now a review. The project is located on the Colville National Forest, Newport-Sullivan Lake Ranger District, Responsible Official is Carin Vadala, District Ranger, Newport-Sullivan Lake Ranger District, Colville

The purpose of this comment period is to provide an opportunity for the public to review and comment prior to a decision being made by the responsible official. Pursuant to 36 CFR 218.7, the decision on the subject to pre-decisional objection under 36 CFR 218, subparts A and B. Only those who have submitted written comments may file an objection (36 CFR 218.5).

The EA analyzes one action alternative that includes vegetation treatment to improve forest health and

riparian habitat on National Forest System lands. Proposed treatments include water quality and fish projects, commercial timber harvest, precommercial thinning, and fuel treatments. In addition, the temporary road construction, and decommissioning of open and closed roads to protect resource value action is described in detail in the Sweet-Ione Integrated Resources Improvement Project Environment available here: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54090>.

How to Comment and Timeframe

Electronic comments, submitted through the website above, are preferred. Other acceptable formats for electronic comments include an email message, hypertext markup language (.html), portable document format (Word (.doc, .docx) to FS-comments-pacificnorthwest-colville-newport@usda.gov.

Electronic, facsimile, and written comments concerning this project will be accepted for 30 calendar days from the publication of this notice in the newspaper of record, the Newport Miner. The publication date in the newspaper is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this project. Those wishing to comment should refer to the dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. Call 509-447-7300 for questions about comments. Comments may be mailed to project team lead Theresa Mathis or District Ranger Carin Vadala at the Ranger District, 315 North Warren, Newport, WA 99156 or faxed to 509-447-7301.

It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period. If electronically submitted comments have been received. If an autoreply from the electronic mail system is received, contact Theresa Mathis at theresa.j.mathis@usda.gov for assistance.

Please submit your comments with your name and address, title of the project, and specific comments or recommendations, along with supporting reasons that the responsible official should consider in reaching a decision.

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